

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application No. : 10/696,258 Confirmation No. : 7051  
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For : APPARATUS FOR TREATING HEMORRHOIDS AND SIMILAR  
AILMENTS  
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.f.R. § 1.132 OF  
Maria Isabel Suárez

Sir:

I, Maria Isabel Suárez, hereby declare as follows:

1. That I was a patient suffering from a Grade 4 hemorrhoid that had become thrombosed. A Grade 4 hemorrhoid is one of the most severe types of hemorrhoids. A thrombosed hemorrhoid is one that has developed a blood clot;

2. That I had tried various suppositories, various creams, Preparation H, cortisone creams such as Peranex, and even pain medications. However, nothing helped to heal the hemorrhoid or provide relief from the pain and hemorrhoid symptoms. Some medications, such as the Peranex, would even burn my skin and further exasperate the situation;

3. That my doctor had treated the hemorrhoid and cut and drained it. Despite this treatment, however, the doctor had assured me that I would need to undergo surgery given the extreme severity of the hemorrhoid;

4. That I am familiar with the claimed invention of the above-identified patent application Serial No. 10/696,258 (hereinafter referred to as "the Application"). I have reviewed the Application and the claims therein which are at issue;

5. That after suffering from the above-mentioned hemorrhoid for 13 days, I tried using the claimed invention of the Application to treat my hemorrhoid. One of my hopes in using the claimed invention was that it would allow me to avoid undergoing surgery;

6. That after wearing the claimed invention for just three days, the hemorrhoid had turned from a dark purple to a healthy, light pink. At this point, I had no pain whatsoever and was completely rehabilitated;

7. That even though I wore the claimed invention continuously throughout the day and night, the claimed invention was comfortable to wear and allowed me to move freely without

any uncomfortable pulling of the skin or muscles and without causing any other discomfort. Rather, I was able to freely sit, stand, walk, and otherwise engage in my routine, daily activities. Additionally, the claimed invention did not show through clothing and thus I was able to wear it even when I was out in public;

8. That by using the claimed invention I was able to immediately return to work. This was especially important to me as I am a working mother of three children and do not have the luxury of taking any sick days. Moreover, the claimed invention was comfortable to wear and did not impede with my ability to perform well or concentrate at work. As such, by allowing me to avoid surgery and return immediately to work, the claimed invention had a dramatic and positive impact on me and my family;

9. That this was one of the most severe hemorrhoids which I had experienced. Regardless, despite the severity of this hemorrhoid, my body was able to heal very rapidly due to the claimed invention. Moreover, because of the claimed invention, I was able to avoid going through a painful and costly surgery and was able to return immediately to work;

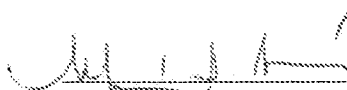
10. That I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such

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